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Covishield clinical trial begins at JSS Hospital

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh virtually inaugurates 105th Jayanti Mahotsava of Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Swamiji from New Delhi
- Mysuru District Hospital begins to issue COVID Death Certificates

JSS COVID Testing Lab staff at work this morning.

Mysuru, Aug. 29 (RK&BCT)- The much-awaited clinical trial of COVID-19 vaccine – Covishield – developed by the University of Oxford began at JSS Hospital in city this morning. Pune-based Serum Institute of India partnered with AstraZeneca to manufacture the COVID-19 vaccine candidate. The volunteers received their first doses intramuscularly as part of Phase II human trials.

Five volunteers enrolled to get for the Phase II trial of Covishield vaccine at JSS Hospital. Doctors at the Hospital administered the vaccine to five persons after a detailed investigation and monitoring.

In Karnataka, JSS Hospital is the only institute that has been selected for the clinical trial.

Incidentally, the tests began on a day when JSS Group of Institutions is celebrating Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Swamiji's 105th Jayanti Mahotsava that was virtually inaugurated by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh from New Delhi this morning.

Five volunteers

Five volunteers had enrolled themselves for the trial after the doses were received from the Serum Institute of India. Before administering the vaccine, doctors checked their temperature, blood pressure and heart beats. The vitals of the two volunteers were observed after the vaccine jab, JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research (JSS AHER) Pro-Chancellor and Pharmacy Council of India President Dr. B. Suresh told *Star of Mysore*.

(See COVISHIELD on page 7)

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Mysuru COVID-19 UPDATE

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	726
Total positive cases	:	16,501
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Total deaths	:	416
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Mysuru, Saturday 29th August 2020

'Code Igniter-2020'

Coding Contest on Sept. 9

Mysuru, Aug. 29- The Department of Information Science & Engineering of GSSS Institute of Engineering and Technology for Women, KRS Road, in association with Computer Society of India, Mysuru Chapter, has jointly organised the 5th Online National-level Coding Competition 'Code Igniter-2020' on Sept. 9 from 10 am at the College premises.

The purpose of this competition is to highlight the opportunities and challenges in the Computer Science and Information Science sectors and to provide a forum to exhibit the technical challenges implemented in Information Technology and related areas.

This creates a platform for students of various streams of IT to showcase their talent, present their original work, share and exchange ideas with their counterparts from all over India with professionals and academicians.

'Code Igniter-2020' has three events namely Online Code Debugging, Project/ Business Innovation ideas and online Quiz.

For details, visit *https://gsssise.wixsite.com/codeigniter2020;* Registration link: *https://forms.gle/ZhGaUKxkXrxkkbqW8*

Last date to register is Sept. 5. Students from Engineering UG/ PG and MBA graduates of any discipline can participate in the contest. Participation certificates will be given to all and Appreciation certificates for winners.

Dr. Reshma Banu, Professor & Head, Department of ISE, is the Code Igniter-2020 Convener and M. Anand and Ayesha Taranum are the Co-ordinators.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

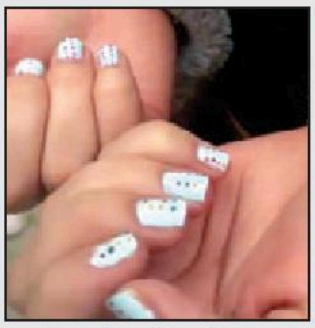
NAAM KE VASTE: ***What's in a name? A lot, it would seem, if you are campaigning for the US Presidency, or Vice-Presidency. While the US President is officially referred to by security agents as POTUS (President of the US) — his wife being called FLOTUS (First Lady of the US) — Presidents and Vice-Presidents, and those in the running for these offices, can also choose their own code names from an approved list drawn up by the US Secret Service. The code name is meant to symbolise the public persona the candidate wishes to project. As global attention focusses on the November election for the US Presidency, political commentators are analysing the adoptive names of past and possible future incumbents of these offices.***

Barack Obama, the first non-white occupant of the White House, chose 'Renegade' for his code name, presumably to represent himself as a disruptor of tradition, and Michelle Obama elected to be code named 'Renaissance', for a similar reason. Donald Trump has opted for 'Mogul' as his code name, not surprisingly for a property tycoon who, 30 years ago, conceived and built a $1.2 billion Atlantic City casino called the Taj Mahal, which he billed as being "The eighth wonder of the world." Trump's opponent Joe Biden calls himself 'Celtic', a possible reference to Irish roots, while his teammate Kamala Harris has chosen 'Pioneer', being the first Black/ Indian American Vice-Presidential candidate.

Our own political luminaries could benefit from such name-calling, with the PM plonking for 'Chhappan', evoking his famed chest measurement. His sidekick Amit Shah could be 'Rustum', as in 'Chhupa Rustum', being the alleged power behind the throne. Rahul Gandhi could call himself 'Yuppie', as in 'Youthful, Upright, Potential Pradhanmantri If Elected'. And what better name for Soniaji than 'Mom', as in 'Move Over, Modi'? — *Jug Suraiya in The Times of India*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Aspiring teachers caught cheating in exams!



Michoacán: Thirty-five young aspiring teachers were caught trying to cheat on their entrance exam into schools for teachers in the Mexican State of Michoacán by painting correct answers on their nails.

The entire admission process into teaching schools in Michoacán had been under suspicion of fraud on the last day of July, when it was revealed that several of the students had bought the answers for 15,000 or 25,000 pesos.

The authorities decided to repeat the test on August 21 and thus managed to catch at least 35 women trying to cheat with a very ingenious system. The Primera Plana Michoacan Facebook page recently published a video showcasing the very similar painted nail style of the 35 women, which reportedly represented the correct answer pattern to the 100 multiple-answer questions.

Man cuts off ears to make head look like skull

Finsterwalde: A tattoo addict had his ears removed and is now keeping them in a jar. He had spent more than £6,000 to make his head look like a skull.

Sandro, known as 'Mr Skull Face' on social media insists that even though people call him "sick" his transformed appearance has made him more confident. The 39-year-old, from Finsterwalde, Germany, has undergone 17 body modifications imaginable including forehead implants, forearm implants, back of the hand implants, an under the skin payment implant and tongue splitting.

His ears were removed in 2019, and he is now planning to have the tip of his nose cut off and his eyeballs tattooed. He says that his decision to change his body in such drastic ways comes from the heart as opposed to any desire to look cool.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

Can massaging my scalp stimulate hair growth?

In a Scottish study, 44 percent of those who received a daily scalp massage using rosemary, cedarwood, lavender and thyme, with jojoba and grapeseed as a carried oil, saw an improvement in their hair loss. The control group, using only the carrier oils, experienced a 15 per cent improvement.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Webinar on Entrepreneurship Development tomorrow

Aruna Devi

Mysuru, Aug.29- The Rotaract Club of the Department of Mechanical Engineering, Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE), Mysuru, in association with Rotary Mysore West is organising a Students' Outreach Webinar on Aug. 30 at 6.30 pm through online platform.

On this occasion, a Webinar on 'Entrepreneurship Development' has been scheduled. The resource person is Aruna Devi, Managing Director, Surabhi Softwares and former President of Computer Society of India, Mysore Chapter.

The Coordinators of this webinar are Prof. R. Shivashankar, Prof. Arun C. Dixit and Dr. S. A. Mohan Krishna. Webinar shall be conducted through Google Meet. Students and general public can participate in the webinar and there is no registration fee. Interested may contact Mob: 9632376757 or 9663179786).

National-Level Online Quiz on Polymer Science & Engineering from today

Mysuru, Aug.29- The Department of Polymer Science and Technology, SJCE, JSS Science and Technology University, Mysuru is organizing a 'National-Level Online Quiz on Polymer Science & Engineering' between Aug.29 and Sept.4. Interested public shall register freely using the link (https://forms.gle/nY6wZ4JeuGn7a4Po9) and receive the question paper (google quiz form).

For more details visit the website https://jssstuniv.in/ (gallery section) or contact Convener Dr. Siddaramaiah, Professor, Head, Dean Science on Mob: 9972095262, 9845591381 or email: pst@sjce.ac.in, according to a press release from Dr. S. B. Kivade, Principal, SJCE, Mysuru.

Really...?

- ***Mickey Mouse was originally named Mortimer Mouse and in 1936, Disney created a character named Mortimer Mouse who was Mickey's enemy.***
- ***Crusader Rabbit was the first animated series, airing from 1949-1951.***
- ***Pluto (the dog from Disney) was originally called "Rover".***

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VOICE OF THE READER

Astrological predictions another reason for defeat of native kings by invaders in "Bharatavarsha"

Sir,

This is with reference to KBG's *Abracadabra* titled ***"India acquires 'Shakti' with Rafale: Remembering Ajit Doval's Speech"*** in *SOM* dated July 30, 2020. He has rightly pointed out two reasons for the defeats of Hindu kings in different parts of what was called "Bharata" or "Bharatavarsha" by the invaders in the past — that is, the principle of dharma strictly followed by Hindu kings and secondly the presence of traitors inside the Palace.

In addition to these two reasons, one more reason may be added for the debacles of native kings. In many battles the kings have given more importance to the astrological predictions and the advices of religious heads about the auspicious time and date to make a move of attack than to the war strategy to be planned considering the strategy of the enemy and its size of army, their weaponry etc.

Here is an example how Sirajudaula Nawab of Oudh (of course, he was not a Hindu king) was defeated by Lord Clive in the battle of Plassey in 1757. The battle began at 8 am on June 23 (because the Nawab was 23 years of age considered to be auspicious day) with artillery fire from Nawab.

The Nawab's army was strong with over 40,000 combatants while Clive commanded 3,000. A moment before Clive could respond to the first fire of the Nawab, the overcast clouds opened up with a heavy downpour. Clive had the tarpaulins to cover the gun powder and the weapons from drenching which the Nawabs army blatantly forgot to carry with them. Thus the tarpaulins won the battle of Plassey for Clive. Rest is history. *[Courtesy: WEEK magazine dated Dec. 30 2018]*

—V. Girish Gowda, KAS (R)
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B. Sharat is new Mysuru DC

Abhiram G. Sankar transferred as ATI Joint Director

Mysuru, Aug.29 (RK&DM)- The State Government on Friday transferred Mysuru Deputy Commissioner (DC) Abhiram G. Sankar and appointed B. Sharat, who was serving as Kalaburagi Deputy Commissioner, in his place.

Abhiram Sankar has been posted as the Joint Director of Administrative Training Institute (ATI) in Mysuru. An IAS Officer of 2011 batch, Abhiram Sankar had taken charge as Mysuru DC on Apr. 28, 2018. Known for his discipline and integrity, Abhiram had earned the respect and praise of the people during his 28-month tenure as Mysuru DC.

He had taken several innovative measures to contain the spread of COVID-19 pandemic over the past five months. Due to the precautionary and preventive measures taken by him, Mysuru District at one point of

B. Sharat, Mysuru DC

time had clocked zero positive cases, even as the deadly pandemic began to spread its wings rapidly across the country.

Abhiram Sankar played a key role in opening a number of COVID Care Centres as the number of infections began to rise alarmingly in city. He was also instrumental in conducting Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) covering large population as a measure to stop virus spread.

Abhiram Sankar also has the credit of organising two Dasara festivals successfully (2018 & 2019). He also earned praise for smooth conduct of 2018 Assembly polls, 2019 Lok Sabha polls and the Hunsur bypolls held in December last year.

Abhiram Sankar was holding concurrent charge as Mysuru ZP CEO following the transfer of Prashanth Kumar Mishra last week, after the suicidal death of Nanjangud Taluk Health Officer (THO) Dr. Nagendra.

However, Abhiram, though transferred, will stay in Mysuru serving as Joint Director of ATI.

New DC

The new Mysuru DC B. Sharat is also a 2011 batch IAS Officer and was serving as Kalaburagi DC. A native of Chitradurga District, Sharat had earlier served as Raichur DC and as ZP CEO at Bidar and Mandya.

SSLC-PUC Examination Boards to be merged

New Board to be known as 'Prarthamika Shikshana Parishat', says Minister Suresh Kumar

Bengaluru, Aug. 29 (OSR)- After a wait of over three years, a major rejig in the Examination Board of Secondary Education is in the offing. The proposed single examination board for Secondary School Leaving Certificate (SSLC) and Pre-University examinations (II PU) will finally be formed. The new Board will be christened as 'Prarthamika Shikshana Parishat', Primary and Secondary Education Minister S. Sureshkumar said.

Speaking to reporters in Bengaluru yesterday, he said two separate Boards — one for SSLC and another for PU — were functioning in the State for the last so many years. "Now, the two Boards would be merged. The process has begun now and it will be completed in the next few days," he added.

Currently, the SSLC exam is conducted by Karnataka Secondary Education Examination Board (KSEEB) and PU exam by the Department of Pre-University Education (DPUE). The cost of conducting these exams by both the Boards separately would go up to few crores, despite both the boards following more or less the same protocol.

This is one of the long-pending demands of Department of Primary and Secondary Education. After a detailed study and considering the fact that most of the States have common Examination Board for PUC and SSLC exams, the Department has decided to set up a common Examination Board.

According to officials, merging SSLC and PUC Board and conducting board exams under common entity will be a cost effective move. Every year over 8.50 lakh candidates take up SSLC exams and over 6 lakh appear for II PUC exams.

Suresh Kumar said he was also studying the system in other States where both exams are conducted under a single Board.

It may be mentioned here that in 2017, the then Primary and Secondary Education Minister Tanveer Sait mooted the proposal to create a common Board for SSLC and PU exams. This idea was taken by the State Government after the Ministry of Human Resource Development created National Testing Agency (NTA) to conduct all competitive exams like JEE and NEET.

Takes charge as MUDA Chairman

H.V. Rajeev plans to give a push for affordable Housing Schemes

Mysuru, Aug.29 (SPN&DM)- Just hours after he was appointed by the Government as Chairman of Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) on Friday, senior BJP leader H.V. Rajeev took charge of the post at the MUDA Office on JLB road here last evening in the presence of District Minister S.T. Somashekar, K.R. MLA S.A. Ramdas, Nanjangud MLA B. Harshavardhan, MUDA Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh and a host of other party leaders.

Speaking to presspersons, Rajeev said that he being a realtor and having a wide ranging experience in urban development, will use his enormous experience in the realty sector for MUDA's growth.

Asserting that he will strive for allotting sites to homeless and those others who really deserve, he said that he will come up with new and innovative ideas for a planned development of Mysuru.

Noting that land acquisition is a complex issue, he said that he will take the farmers into confidence while going for acquisition of lands required for formation of new layouts. Highlighting his future plans, Rajeev said that MUDA will give a push for affordable Housing Schemes.

The new MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev being greeted by District Minister S.T. Somashekar, MLA S.A. Ramdas and MUDA Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh at the MUDA Office on JLB road last evening.

State BJP General Secretary Siddaraju, BJP City President T.S. Srivatsa, Akhila Karnataka Brahmana Mahasabha Mysuru District President D.T. Prakash, Community leader K. Raghuram, BJP leader L.R. Mahadevaswamy and other leaders were present.

Out of syllabus questions; grace marks for students

Mysuru, Aug. 29- Higher Education Department is planning to give grace marks to students who wrote final semester examination following the complaints of 'out of syllabus' questions.

The students had a shock of their life when they saw some out of syllabus questions in final semester exam held on Friday.

They brought this to the notice of Deputy Chief Minister and Higher Education Minister Dr C. N. Ashwathnarayana, who in turn contacted Prof. Karisiddappa, Vice-Chancellor, VTU regarding the mess-up.

Later, the VC admitted to lapses on the part of University. Following outcry from students, Dr Ashwathnarayana said students would be given grace marks.

Committee setup

Meanwhile, Prof. Karisiddappa said a Committee was constituted to examine how such a big blunder happened while setting questions for the final semester VTU exam. The probe would also reveal whether lecturers concerned had followed guidelines over the selection of questions.

NEWS BRIEFS

Coaching for Bank job aspirants

The Competitive Exams Coaching Centre of KSOU in city has invited entries from interested eligible candidates for admission to 50-day online coaching classes for the exam to be conducted by IBPS for appointment as Officers and Assistants in Public Sector Banks. Last date for registration is Aug. 31. Contact Ph: 0821-2515944.

Pension holders

The Department of Treasury has asked all pensioners having pension account in Banks other than those in State Bank of India (Canara Bank, Syndicate Bank), Vijaya Bank, Dena Bank and Bank of Baroda (Now all the three called as Bank of Baroda), Corporation Bank, Union Bank of India and Andhra Bank (Now all the three called as Union Bank of India), to transfer their account to anyone of the said Banks at the earliest. The pension from Aug. 2020 will be credited in the name of only such pensioners who have their account in any of the above said Banks.

UoM Degree exam

University of Mysore (UoM) has announced Time-Table of Sixth Semester Degree exam for the academic year 2019-20 (including their backlogs) in its website: http://www.uni.mysore.ac.in

Building owners

The Backward Classes Welfare Department is looking for suitable Hostel buildings that have at least 10 bathrooms, ten toilets and adequate ventilation to house more than 100 Pre-matric and Post-Matric boy and girl students. Such building owners who are willing to let out their buildings on rent for the Department's Students Hostel, can contact the Department office along with the specifications of their building. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2445447.

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Today	2,857.63 ft
Inflow	1,029 cusecs
Outflow	1,620 cusecs

Dy.SP Ganapathy suicide

Special Court orders fresh case against Cong. MLA K.J. George

M.K. Ganapathy

Bengaluru, Aug. 29 (UNI& Agencies)- In a major setback for former Congress Minister and current MLA K.J. George, the Special Court for Legislators and Parliamentarians in Bengaluru yesterday ordered that a case be registered against him for his alleged role in the death of Dy.SP M.K. Ganapathy. The Court also ordered cases to be registered against two IPS officers Pronab Mohanty and Ashit Mohan Prasad accused in the case. Judge T.N. Inavally said that there is scope for investigation in the death case. This comes after the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) submitted a closure report to the Court in October last year.

The Court ordered that a case be registered under Sections 306 (abetment of suicide with common intention) along with Section 34 (common intention) of the Indian Penal Code. Nehal Ganapathy, son of the deceased officer, had moved the Special Court. "...there is prima facie material against the accused persons to take cognisance of the offence punishable under Sec.306 of the Indian Penal Code and proceed against them," Judge Inavally observed.

Court observation

The Special Court rejected the opinion of the CBI Investigating Officer (IO) that all the instances, referred to by Ganapathy during his interview to the media prior to ending his life, happened long ago and there is no immediate proximity between the suicide and the instances (connected to the three accused) presented in the interview.

The question as to whether the facts stated by the deceased to the media are true or false and whether the interview to media can be considered as a death note are to be considered on merits during trial, the Special Court said.

George-Mohanty connection to case

Though Ganapathy was not directly working under the three accused persons at the time of ending his life, the Special Court said there are materials — though dated five to seven years ago — in the form of statements linking Ganapathy with the accused.

The statements recorded by the IO shows that handling of an incident of attack on a church in Mangaluru in 2008, when Ganapathy was serving as jurisdictional Police officer, links to George when he became Home Minister in 2013, the Special Court said.

Also, the Special Court noted that Ganapathy had declined to do a favour to Prasad to help the latter's son, who was pursuing Engineering (during 2006-10) in Udupi district. The allegation that Mohanty had demanded money from Ganapathy was related to the period when both Mohanty and Ganapathy were serving in Bengaluru, the Court noted.

Twists and turns

Ganapathy was working as a Dy.SP in Mangaluru and died after taking his life on July 7, 2016 at Sree Vinayak Lodge in Madikeri. Before he took the step, Ganapathy had told local media that K.J. George and two IPS officers were harassing him.

The prime accused in the case was the then Home Minister K.J. George, Pronab Mohanty, who was at the time the IGP Lokayukta and A.M. Prasad, who is now the DGP, Home Guards and Civil Defence and was then serving as ADGP Intelligence. He had also said that "if he dies, the three men would be responsible for it."

MLA K.J. George

A.M. Prasad

Pranab Mohanty

In October last year, the CBI had submitted to the Court in Madikeri that there was no evidence indicating that the three accused were responsible for the death of Ganapathy. However, the Special Court rejected the CBI's closure report and dismissed the petition filed by the IO to close the case.

After his death in 2016, upon the family's request, the CID was tasked with probing the case. The CID had filed a closure report stating that there was no evidence against the accused to indicate that they were responsible for Ganapathy's death. The family had subsequently moved the Supreme Court and the case was transferred to the CBI, which also gave the accused a clean chit.

Theft at shops on Devaraj Urs Road

Two arrested

Mysuru, Aug. 29 (YDS&DM)- Devaraja Police have cracked the recent serial theft of shops on D. Devaraj Urs Road in city with the arrest of two burglars.

The arrested have been identified as Syed Mohammad Faizal alias Ismail alias Nadeem, 23, a resident of Bengaluru and Junaid Ahmed, 26, a resident of Sultan Palya Main Road, R.T. Nagar, Bengaluru. Police have recovered Rs. 1.15 lakh cash, garments worth Rs. 1 lakh, an Innova Car used for committing thefts and rods used for braking open shutters, from them.

Acting on a tip off, a team of Devaraja Police, which had camped in Bengaluru, picked up one of the suspects from Bengaluru's Majestic area and another from R.T. Nagar a couple of days ago.

During interrogation, the two confessed to have committed burglary at Levi's, U.S. Polo and Pepe Jeans garment shops on D. Devaraj Urs Road and another garment shop at Agrahara in K.R. Police Station limits, following which the Police recovered Rs.1.15 lakh cash, garments worth Rs. 1 lakh, an Innova car and cutting rods used for the crime, from them.

One of the arrested Syed Mohammad Faizal is said to be an habitual offender, with more than 10 burglary cases registered against him. Faizal, along with his associate Junaid Ahmed, used to target shops that had glass doors and commit burglaries in the night, according to the Police.

The nabbing and recovery operation was carried out by Devaraja Police Inspector Prasanna Kumar, PSIs Raju and Leelavathi, ASI Udaykumar and staff Somashetty, Venugopal, Suresh, R. Nandish, Pradeep and Veeresh Bhagevadi, Technical Unit Inspector Lolakshi and staff Manjunath, Kumar, Shyam and GurudevAradhya and Finger Print unit's Venkatesh and Rajini, under the guidance of DCP Geetha Prasanna, Devaraja ACP M.S. Shashidhar and Finger Print ACP Rajashekar.

Girls go missing from Balamandira

Mysuru, Aug. 29 (KS)- Two girls have gone missing from the Girls' Balamandira in Nazarbad Police limits in city.

The missing girls are 17-year-old Jayashree, daughter of Jayanna, a resident of Bylakuppe in Periyapatna taluk and 17-year-old Muskan, daughter of Mohammed Arif of Bannikuppe village in Hunsur taluk. They went missing from the Balamandira on Aug. 15 after jumping the wall of the Balamandira, according to the complaint lodged at Nazarbad Police Station.

Jayashree

Muskan

Those having any information about the missing girls may contact Nazarbad Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418303/508 or Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339.

Obituary

Naveen H. Ravanikar

Mysuru, Aug. 29- Naveen H. Ravanikar (52), son of retired senior KAS Officer Nagendra Ravanikar and late Professor Rudramma, passed away on Aug. 27. He leaves behind his wife Jalaja, son Chathur and brothers Nithin and Chethan.

Cremation will take place on Aug. 30 after 12 noon at their farm on Nanjangud Road, near Airport.

Venkatamma

Venkatamma, wife of late Subbanna and a resident of K.R. Mill on the outskirts of Mysuru, passed away yesterday.

She leaves behind three sons including JD(S) leader K.R. Mill Shivanna and three daughters.

Last rites were performed yesterday.

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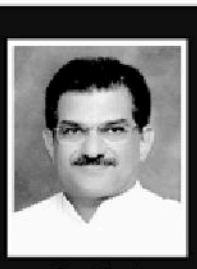

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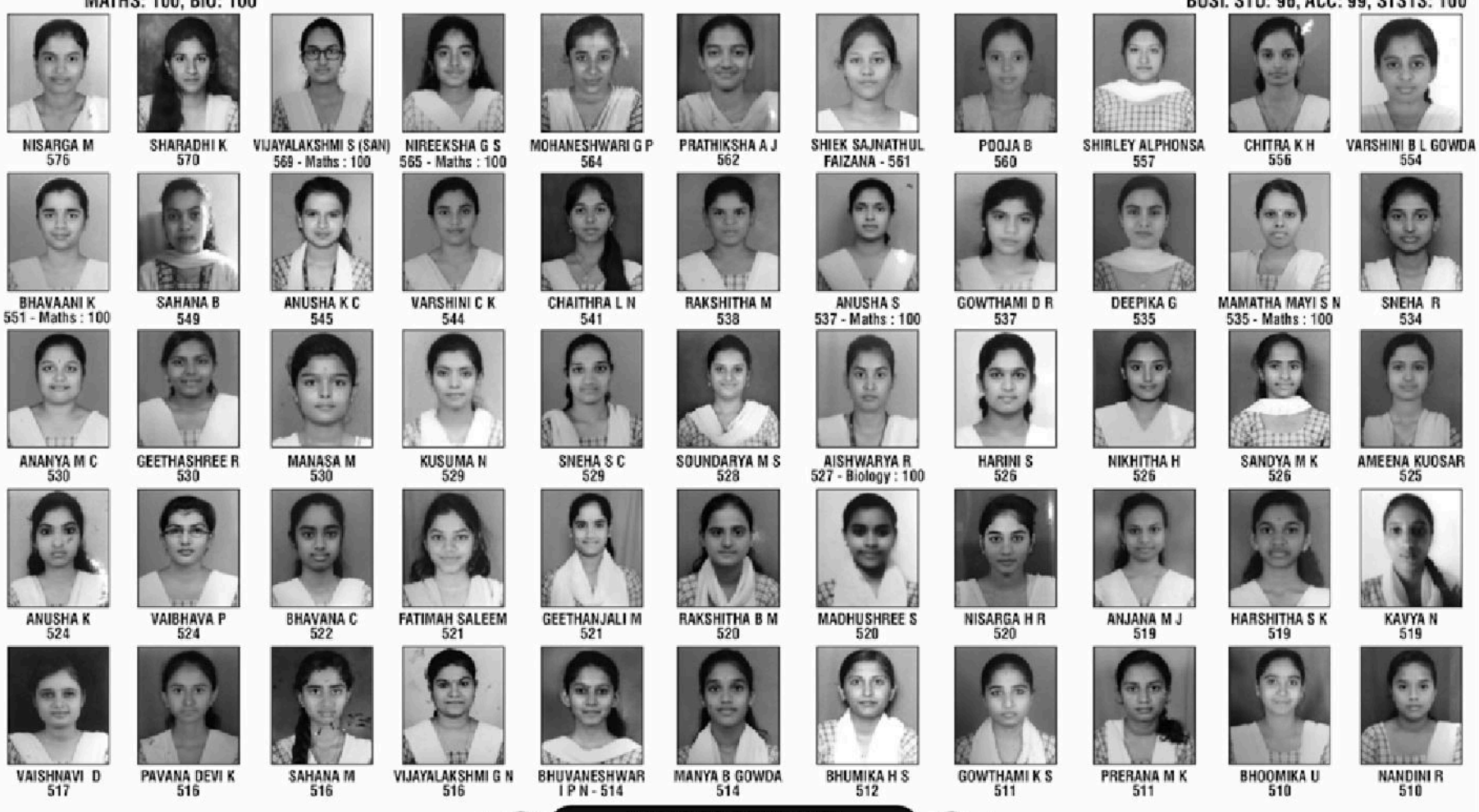

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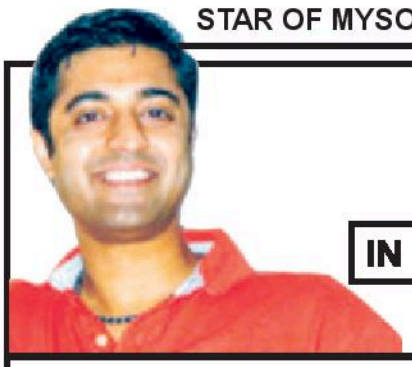

IN BLACK & WHITE

Vikram Muthanna

Basking in Reflected Glory

Kamala Harris is the Vice-Presidential candidate pick for the Democratic Party in the United States which is going in for elections in November. And the moment it was announced, as usual we Indians went gaga.

No sooner was Kamala Harris named the Democrats' VP pick, villagers in Painganadu, Harris' mother's village, in Tamil Nadu, put up banners of her. Then priests in Tamil Nadu's Rameswaram town held special rituals and prayed for Harris' victory. Ananthapadmanaba Sharma, a priest at the Ramanathaswamy temple said, "We will do all kinds of worship and the Lord will answer our prayers for her victory."

There was another set of people who became emotional when Kamala Harris gave a shoutout to her "chithis" while emphasising the importance of family. In Tamil 'chithi' means aunt. Soon Americans were googling 'what is chithi?' while Tamils were in swoon and some other Indians stated, "Brown people, we've officially arrived." Well, not really, Kamala Harris is still called the "Black VP candidate."

What is this obsession we have when someone of Indian origin makes it abroad. Not just people even when a movie about us is made we go obtuse. Remember when *Slumdog Millionaire* became an international hit and the Indian media called it "India's Triumph" at Oscars! It was of no consequence to us that *Slumdog Millionaire* entered Oscars as a British film and was marketed by an American movie house.

Even back then some people performed pujas for *Slumdog's* success, which, of course, the TV channels gobbled up and broadcast to the rest of the nation as an issue of national importance.

We Indians have a very bad habit of celebrating the achievements of foreigners of Indian origin. There's nothing wrong in it but celebrating just because that person happens to have some far-flung connection to India is downright silly and reeks of misguided pride.

We in India take credit for a lot of Indian-Americans' achievements. In recent memory it started with the movie *Salaam Bombay* and then came *Bend it like Beckham*. Then when it came to books it was Vikram Seth and on to television it was CNN's Dr. Sanjay Gupta. Then a whole lot followed: Amartya Sen, M. Night Shyamalan, Kal Penn. More recently the tech CEOs too were gloated over. But it was Kalpana Chawla and Sunita Williams, both NASA astronauts, who sent the Indian media and its people into a cosmic spin.

Kalpana's story received a lot of attention but after the tragedy, nothing could stop the media frenzy and prayers when the next woman of Indian origin was ready to board the space shuttle. India went crazy for Sunita Williams. The media began a systematic mental indoctrination to celebrate Sunita Williams' space odyssey.

There were young Indian girls looking into news cameras and saying, "We are praying for Sunita didi"!? Sunita Williams had become Sunita 'didi' in just a matter of weeks. Sunita doesn't look Indian, she doesn't speak any Indian language, she is not married to an Indian, she had never visited India before, yet we so easily made her our beloved 'didi'. If anything, Sunita Williams is a caucasian, all-American gal! Poor Rakesh Sharma, our very own astronaut, was never referred to as 'Rakesh mama.'

The other person who took a lot of our time was Bobby Jindal, the once young and promising Republican Governor of Louisiana, United States of America. To begin with, he is American, he says he is pure red, white and blue laced with, of course, a little brown. But our 'Bobby bhaiya' never really wanted to be associated with India.

According to reports, he gave himself the name 'Bobby' before his real name 'Piyush' after an American television character! In high school, he converted from Hinduism to Christianity. It seems like he did all this just so he would fit into the American culture. For it must have been hard for a brown boy growing up in conservative Louisiana with a name like 'Piyush' that a red-neck could pronounce only as 'piss.'

But funnily enough 'Bobby bhaiya' did something very Indian — had an arranged marriage.

When Satya Nadella became the CEO of Microsoft, the media sent our minds crashing like a Windows Operating System, with cringey Nadella stories. Nadella's sixth standard teacher too got his 15-minute as he said, "Nadella loved Maths and was always into IT." What?! In 6th standard? Where was IT in 1980! Then came the typical yardstick for a 'good student' as the teacher said, "He always sat in 2nd or 3rd row." Oh masterji please!

We take a lot of credit for what America has been able to do with 'our' people. While we kill curiosity in our students, they nurture it. While we crush talent in the name of quota system, they welcome it with scholarships. While we see genius only in the first two rows, they look for talent in every inch of their classrooms. And today, without having done anything to create an ecosystem for innovation, retention of talent or nurturing it, we have the arrogance and audacity to hijack the efforts of USA's vision designed for innovation and success.

It's time to shine on our own and the only way to do it is by providing support systems that will enhance knowledge, nourish curiosity, nurture talent and facilitate entrepreneurship. Polish it well with moral character and soon we will shine forth bright and glorious and then we can celebrate, for it will be ours, truly ours, truly Indian. 100% *desi*. 100% *swadeshi*. Enough of this basking in reflected glory.

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Covishield clinical trial begins

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Covishield is the third vaccine candidate to enter human trials in the country, after Bharat Biotech's Covaxin and Zydus Cadila's ZyCoV-D began tests in July.

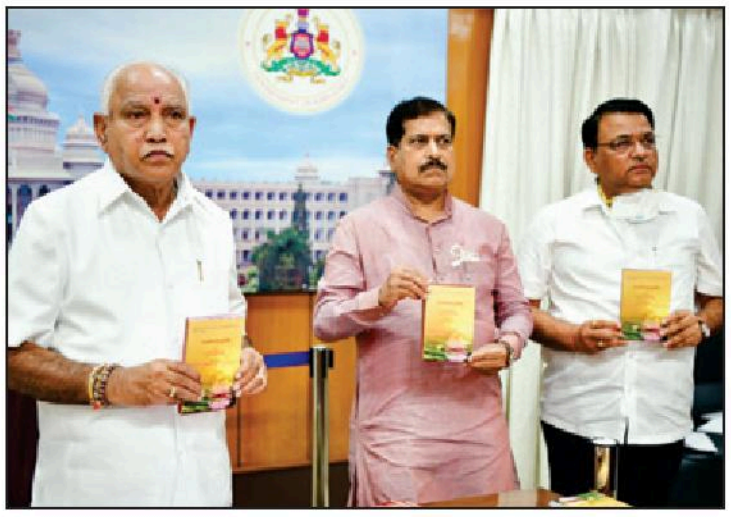
ICMR to collate data

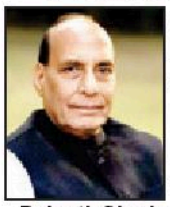
During the clinical trials at JSS, the five volunteers were vaccinated on their arm muscles. They will be given another dose 28 days from now to test the candidate vaccine's safety. "It is a matter of pride that JSS Hospital has been selected among 17 institutes in India. We have the responsibility of continuously monitoring the patients and send the data to Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR). After collating the data from 17 clinical trial centres, ICMR will take a call on the vaccine, its effectiveness and finally the production," he explained.

"Dr Padmapriya from ICMR, Chennai is monitoring the trials. Along with Covishield trial, we are also doing BCG vaccine trials at our health centre. Senior citizens among the healthy volunteers have been chosen for the experiment," Suresh said and added that if the required data of the trials is obtained by December, some good news can be expected from January 2021.

Volunteers will be observed for any reaction to the vaccine and also for the generation of antibodies against Coronavirus. The Phase II trial will be conducted on 100 volunteers across the country. After ensuring that there are no safety concerns in these 100 trials, 1,500 people will be administered the (potential) vaccine across the country in the next phase and generation of antibodies will be observed. If the results are positive, the vaccine is likely to be made available, sources said.

Rajnath Singh heaps praises on Suttur Mutt





Rajnath Singh

Virtually inaugurating the Jagadguru Sri Veerasimhasana Mahasamsthana Mutt's 23rd Peethadhipati Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Swamiji's 105th Jayanti Mahotsava, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh praised the Suttur Mutt for offering food, education and social service.

"The Mutt's commitment to ease hunger, its focus on Dhyana, Adhyatma, social awareness, social justice, rural health and agriculture and education is exemplary and is a benchmark. The Government of India too is functioning on the same premise for the nation to become Aatma Nirbhar," he said.

Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graced the occasion and the event was presided over by Former Prime Minister H.D. Devegowda. Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa released an animation film 'Sri Suttur Srimatha - Guruparampare' and 'The Heritage of Sri Suttur Math'. Leader of the Opposition and former CM Siddharamaiah released books 'Kayaka Tapasvi', 'Neethi Samrajya Shathaka' while Deputy CM Dr. C.N. Ashwath Narayan released a special edition of 'Prasada'.

Mysuru District Minister S.T. Somashekar distributed prizes to achievers of JSS Medical College and retired Vice Chancellor of Karnataka Sanskrit University Dr. Mallepuram G. Venkatesh offered 'Guru Namana' and spoke about the books. MLC A.H. Vishwanath and Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha, JSS Mahavidyapeeta Executive Secretary Dr. C.G. Betsurmath and others were present.

Roadside sheds demolished at Manjunathapura

Mysuru, Aug.29 (PM&DM) - In an early morning joint operation, officials of Karnataka Slum Development Board and Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) demolished unauthorised sheds that had come up along the main road passing through Manjunathapura, which is part of Gokulam Third stage. The officials are said to have demolished nearly a dozen sheds.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Slum Development Board Junior Engineer Jhansi Rai said that the MCC had sought the Board to clear the sheds along the main road at Manjunathapura for taking up development works such as construction of drainages and road expansion. Subsequently, the Board built over 70 houses elsewhere for the slumdwellers who lived in these unauthorised sheds and asked them to vacate. But as some refused to move out despite being served notice, the Board has launched evacuation of unauthorised sheds on a stretch along the main road, he said.

Maintaining that the shelterless have not been touched, Rai said that the drive is only aimed at facilitating development works and not to render the dwellers homeless.

Corporator B.V. Ravindra said that the drive is part of the plan to make the ward (No.18) slum and hut-free. Asserting that many of those living in these unauthorised sheds have been allotted houses by the Slum Board elsewhere, he said the demolition is targeted at making space for taking up the much needed civic works in the area.

Slum Board EE Harish, AEE Ramachandra and other officials were present

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Mysuru Literature Festival-2020

Virtual session tomorrow

Mysuru, Aug. 29- The fourth edition of Mysuru Literature Festival-2020 organised by Mysuru Literary Forum Charitable Trust and Mysuru Book Clubs-2015 being held virtually on every weekend from Aug. 14, will conclude on Sept. 5. This edition has a wide range of authors and speakers as Panellists. Today, *SOM* features tomorrow's Panellist Ustad Amjad Ali Khan and Moderator Roopa Pai.

DATE: **AUGUST 30** *TIME:* **7 PM**

PANEL: **WAFTS OF MELODY**

Ustad Amjad Ali Khan (Panellist)

Taught by his father Haafiz Ali Khan, who was the court musician in Gwalior, Amjad Ali Khan was born to the illustrious Bangash lineage rooted in the Senia Bangash School of Music. Over the course of a distinguished career spanning more than six decades, Khan has won numerous accolades including a Grammy nomination, the Crystal Award by the World Economic Forum, UNICEF's National Ambassadorship and the Fukuoka Cultural Grand Prize. He has performed at venues the world over including Carnegie Hall and the Royal Albert Hall, as well as at the prestigious Nobel Peace Prize Concert in 2014 in Oslo, Norway. He is also awarded the second highest civilian award, the *Padma Vibhushan.* Amjad Ali Khan's wife Subhalakshmi Khan has been a great exponent of the Indian classical dance, Bharatnatyam. As a soul, so in his heart, he is a man who has proven his indomitable belief in the integration of two of life's greatest forces, love and music. He is a living example of a man who practices that integration each day of his life, both on stage and off stage.

Roopa Pai (Moderator)

Roopa Pai is one of India's best-known writers for children. Her best-known books include the 8-part *Taranauts,* India's first fantasy-adventure series for children in English, *Ready! 99 Must-Have Skills For The World-Conquering Teenager (And Almost-Teenager),* the award-winning national bestseller *The Gita For Children,* listed by Amazon India as one of '100 Indian Books To Read In A Lifetime', and its 'prequel' *The Vedas And Upanishads For Children.* Her TEDx talk 'Decoding The Gita, India's Book Of Answers' has received over 1.5 million views to date.She has most recently co-authored fitness evangelist and supermodel Milind Soman's memoir, *Made In India,* and is currently working on a book of poetry translation, in which she is translating 100 poems of the much-acclaimed Kannada poet, *Padma Shri* K.S. Nisar Ahmed, into English.

Register at: **http://www.mysuruliteraturefestival.com/registration/**

Instructions will be sent to registered e-mail address 24 hours before each panel starts and a reminder 1 hour before it starts.

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Virtual Education Fair for students

Mysuru, Aug. 29- Studying overseas is a life-changing decision, not only for students but for their families too. Due to the disruption of services caused by COVID-19, students were facing great difficulty in the decision-making process. To address the various challenges faced by the students and their families, IDP Education, a global leader in international education services, is hosting a Virtual Education Fair, spread over eight weeks.

The Education Fair, which began on Aug.10 will continue till Oct.10, 2020. Over 150 leading institutions from Australia, UK, US, Canada, New Zealand and Ireland are participating in the Virtual Education Fair to interact with Indian students and help them with their overseas education plan.

First-of-its-kind, this Education Fair is an initiative by IDP Education to solve the concerns of students and help them connect with their preferred institutions over a 1-on-1 video call from the comfort of their homes.

Piyush Kumar, Regional Director (South Asia), IDP Education, said, "IDP offers Indian students the right advice and top-quality assistance to choose the right course and institution. IDP has over 700 world-class institution partners across these six destinations and is best placed to offer students the choice to find the course most suited to them. It provides students and their parents with an all-inclusive platform to facilitate the exchange of valuable information and get proper guidance from industry experts."

Through this Virtual Fair, students can apply directly to the institutions of their choice and get detailed information on scholarships, ranking, visas, etc. by IDP's experienced and certified education experts. This allows them to interact face-to-face with institution representatives and get answers to their queries.

For more information, visit *www.idp.com/india.*

SKYWATCH

Rendezvous of Jupiter and Saturn with Moon tonight

Yesterday, we were privileged to see the closeness of three celestial objects namely Moon, Jupiter and Saturn. Tonight (Aug. 29) too in southeastern direction, one can clearly witness these objects with ease, provided the sky should be absolutely clear. Moon, Jupiter and Saturn can be seen tonight in between two constellations 'Sagittarius' and 'Capricornus' anytime after 7 pm and will be the best time for astrophotography.

Jupiter is the second brightest planet after Venus. In July, Jupiter came closer to our beloved mother planet Earth and for the entire year, Jupiter blazes most brightly in our sky, outshining the night's brightest stars by leaps and bounds. On July 14, Earth in its orbit swings between the Sun and Jupiter, an event that's referred to as 'Opposition of Jupiter.' Jupiter stood opposite the Sun in our sky, so it rises in the east at sunset and sets in the west at sunrise. Jupiter not only beams at its brilliant best for the year, but stays out all night long!

From Mysuru, Jupiter will be perceptible between 7 pm and morning 6 am. It reaches the highest point or pinnacle in the sky at around midnight local time. Generally, Jupiter reaches opposition about every 13 months and the distance between Jupiter and Earth in August will be around 642 million kilometres.

Analogously, on July 20, Saturn had rendezvous with Earth and was recommended as the right time to witness this gorgeous ringed planet. 'Saturn' is the sixth planet from the Sun and the outermost planet perfectly noticeable with the unaided eye. Saturn's rings are well-known and were explored in great detail by the Voyager and Cassini missions. Saturn reached "opposition" on July 20, 2020 and so it will have the best visibility in July and August. Throughout the night Saturn is discernible and more resplendent. From Mysuru, Saturn will be perceptible between 7.30 pm and 6 am.

It reaches the highest point or pinnacle in the sky at around midnight local time. Saturn can be seen in the vicinity of the constellations 'Capricornus' and 'Sagittarius.' Saturn appears cream-white in colour and is among the brightest star-like objects in our sky this winter.

Saturn in 2020 rises earlier and continues to creep higher above the southeastern horizon earlier each night. Saturn was visible in the southeast by 7 pm in early July. Jupiter and Saturn have planned to dominate this year captivatingly!

There are two reasons for Jupiter and Saturn's brilliance. These gas planets are huge and they have a high albedo (reflectivity). Jupiter has 1,331 times the volume of Earth, whereas Saturn has 764 times the Earth's volume. Jupiter reflects about 52% of the incoming sunlight, while Saturn reflects about 47%.

In contrast, Moon only reflects about 12% of the incoming sunlight. Unlike the stars, which shine by their own light, Jupiter and Saturn shine by reflecting the light of the Sun. Despite Jupiter residing 4.4 astronomical units (AU) from Earth and Saturn at 9.2 AU from Earth right now, these planets still stand out in Earth's sky. Saturn's brilliance also depends on the tilt of its majestic rings. You need a telescope to view the rings, but their inclination affects the planet's brightness as seen from Earth even when looking with the eye alone. Saturn appears brightest when the rings are inclined at a maximum of 27 degrees toward Earth and dimmest when the rings appear edge-on (0 degrees).

Planets move slowly among the stars, following patterns that repeat over months or years. In August and September, Indians are privileged to witness five planets in the morning sky — Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn — to fall in line forming a natural planetary conjunction. Enjoy watching these dominating planets.

More precisely, Moon will be 2.8 degrees south of Saturn on Aug. 28 and 29. Telescopes for planet watching need sturdy mountings and high-quality optics. One can see to Jupiter and Saturn through telescope easily and none can reveal the glory of it. Most observers use powers of 200x or less, due to unsettled seeing. Also useful are coloured filters, which accentuate specific features on planets. So, do not forget to see to the dancing of Jupiter and Saturn with Moon tonight.

—Dr. S.A. Mohan Krishna
Amateur Astronomer

District Hospital begins to issue COVID Death Certificates

Mysuru, Aug. 29 (RK&BCT)- The process of issuing automated and printed death certificates for people who die of Coronavirus infection at the designated COVID-19 Hospital — District Hospital on KRS Road — has begun since yesterday and the relatives of the deceased can approach the Hospital for the death certificates.

Till now the certificates were being issued manually where details were hand-written by the counter staff. Though the Hospital was constructed as the new District Hospital, it was later converted to the designated COVID Hospital as there was urgency for an exclusive facility to treat infected patients. The Hospital was converted in March soon after the Nanjangud Jubilant Cluster Case was reported.

Not officially named

However, as the Hospital was not officially christened as District Hospital, there were no records available to support it as the District Hospital. But as there

was pressure from the patients on the Hospital to issue death certificates to those dying at the Hospital, a temporary arrangement was made.

Under this arrangement, a letterhead bearing the name "Office of the District Surgeon, District Hospital, KRS Road Mysuru - Department of Forensic Medicine and Toxicology" was created and the manual certificate was being issued with the seal of District Surgeon, Epidemic Disease Hospital, KRS Road, Metagalli.

Registration ID & password

The manual certificate was signed on behalf of the District Surgeon. Now the Government has permitted the Hospital to issue death certificates and has allotted a registration ID and password. Also, the process of uploading the details online has been initiated. Accordingly, the patient details like date of admission, date of discharge or death is entered into the software.

If the patient dies, his/ her details are entered online and the death certificate is issued with the letter head of District Hospital. The certificate is printed in an automated form and issued to the relatives of patients. Till now, manual certificates with the name of the deceased, age, address, Aadhaar Number and the date of death was being issued and it was mentioned as 'temporary death certificate.'

COVID cause not mentioned

Now the death certificate is issued in a proper printed format with the official seal and signature of the authorities. But the death certificates do not mention COVID as a Cause of Death (COD) following the protocol and guidelines issued by the Centre and the State Governments.

Nationwide, the death certificate application does not have a 'Column 6' where usually the COD is mentioned. As this column itself is not printed in the application, the necessity of mentioning the COD does not arise.

The national standards of death reporting have been laid down by the Office of Registrar General of India (ORGI) under its Civil Registration System. This is followed across the nation. As per Registration of Births and Deaths Act, 1969, and Karnataka Registration of Births and Deaths rules, the COVID deaths cannot be made public.

Deaths at other hospitals

For patients who die of COVID at various other private hospitals and COVID Care Centres (CCCs), the death certificates are issued at Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Main Office on Sayyaji Rao Road in the Birth and Death Section.

These certificates are issued after verification from the information given by private hospitals. For those patients who die of COVID-19 at State-run K.R. Hospital, certificates are issued at the Records Section of the Hospital.

Rs. 50 lakh compensation cheque given to Nanjangud THO's family

Mysuru, Aug. 29 (YDS&SSV)- District in-Charge Minister S.T. Somashekar handed over a cheque for Rs. 50 lakh to the family of Nanjangud Taluk Health Officer (THO) Dr. S.R. Nagendra, who had committed suicide on Aug. 20 allegedly due to work pressure.

The Minister, accompanied by MLA S.A. Ramdas, Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar (now transferred), MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde, handed over the cheque to T.S. Ramakrishna, father of the deceased doctor, here yesterday. Dr. Nagendra's mother Sulochana, wife B.R. Anita and daughter Chinmayi were present.

Later, talking to reporters, Somashekar said that as announced by Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa, Rs. 50 lakh cheque had been handed over to the doctor's family and it would be kept as Fixed Deposit (FD) in the names of Dr. Nagendra's mother, wife and daughter. Besides, a suitable job would be given to Anitha on compassionate grounds. The existing rules permit giving a job in Group-C category and a decision in this regard would be taken in next three to four days.

On enquiry into death, he said: "the CM has asked Regional Commissioner Prakash to complete the investigation within a week. The probe report is expected to reach the CM soon. It was common to expect pro and anti stance on such incidents."

Regarding Narasimharaja MLA Tanveer Sait's allegation that decisions taken by District Minister with regard to COVID-19 were not being implemented, Somashekar said Tanveer Sait was present in the recent COVID-19 meeting and he knew what all had been implemented till date. "In fact, we have not stopped anything. I didn't know why he said. Tanveer too has given certain suggestions," he added.

On shortage of Group-D staff, the Minister said the Deputy Commissioner was given powers to recruit Group-D workers, laboratory technicians and nursing staff on temporary basis wherever required.

Meeting

Somashekar said that the Dasara High Power Committee headed by the CM is expected to meet in next two to three days in Mysuru. Since Yediyurappa is visiting Kodagu to see rain damaged areas, the meeting is likely to take place here to discuss regarding *Nada Habba* celebrations in wake of COVID-19.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Mandya

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	188
Total positive cases	:	4,919
Total discharges	:	3,334
Total deaths	:	53
Total active cases	:	1,532

Chamarajanagar

Positive cases yesterday	:	37
Total positive cases	:	2,216
Total discharges	:	1,702
Total deaths	:	33
Total active cases	:	470

Kodagu

Positive cases yesterday	:	28
Total positive cases	:	1,303
Total discharges	:	1,070
Total deaths	:	18
Total active cases	:	215

Hassan

Positive cases yesterday	:	357
Total positive cases	:	7,242
Total discharges	:	4,767
Total deaths	:	168
Total active cases	:	2,307

MLA assures house for every family

Mysuru, Aug. 29 (PM&DM)- Very small houses in which at least a couple of families lived together in congestion, caught the special attention of KR MLA S.A. Ramdas when he undertook a *padayatra* in MCC Wards 56 and 60 covering Ashokapuram area coming under his Assembly segment on Thursday.

The MLA assured the families that he will take measures for providing separate houses to the poor families under the Pradhan Mantri Awaz Yojna.

Ramdas, during his *padayatra*, heard grievances from the people in Ashokapuram area. He later visited Containment Zones in the locality and distributed immunity booster Ayush Kits to the families of 27 persons who are infected with COVID-19.

Thereafter, he garlanded the statue of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar at Ambedkar Park and displayed the order releasing Rs. 3 lakh each for Ashokapuram Chikka Garadi development and renovation of Siddappaji Temple.

Speaking on the occasion, he said that Aaradhana Samiti has released Rs. 1 lakh each for renovation of Rama Mandir on Ashokapuram Sixth Cross, Shambulingeshwara Temple on First Cross and Katthi Muneshwara Temple on Thirteenth cross.

Directing the officials to prepare the estimate at the earliest for renovation of these temples, he asked them to construct footpaths on both sides of Ambedkar Main Road and to address Under-Ground Drainage (UGD) and drinking water issues of the locality.

Replying to complaints from some residents residing on roads coming between Ashokapuram First and Thirteenth Cross that they were facing a lot of hardship due to non-availability of their property records, Ramdas instructed the officials to hold a camp at Ambedkar Park after the COVID-19 crisis ends and distribute the needed records to owners.

Corporators Pallavi Begum, Bhuvaneshwari and Sharadamma, Dr. Ambedkar Mahasabha President Vijaykumar, leaders Eshwar, P.T. Krishna, Ravi, Nagaraj Billaiah and others were present.

State BJP Mahila Morcha President asks

office-bearers to gear up for Gram Panchayat polls

Mysuru, Aug. 29 (RKB&DM)- Stating that the Gram Panchayat polls are most likely to take place in October, State BJP Mahila Morcha (the women's wing of the party) President Geetha Vivekananda has urged the Morcha office-bearers and other leaders to get active in rural areas ahead of the polls.

She was addressing a meeting of the city unit of BJP Mahila Morcha at the party office (Sachin Bhavan) in Chamarajapuram here on Thursday.

Pointing out that there is no polls in urban areas in the next two years, Geetha Vivekananda said that the party workers should utilise this time for building the party right from the Grass-roots level and also make inroads into rural areas, where the party base is not so strong and thus help the party perform well even at the Gram Panchayat level.

Maintaining that the State and Central Governments have come up with several plans, programmes and projects for the welfare and well-being of women, she stressed on the need to deliver them to the doorsteps of all beneficiaries.

She distributed appointment letters to all the new office-bearers of the City Unit of Mahila Morcha on the occasion.

Mysuru Division Party Incharge M.V. Ravishankar said that the BJP is different from other parties and is also the only party that gives power and position even to grass-root level workers.

BJP Mahila Morcha City President Hema Nandish, General Secretary Nagarathna Gowda, leader Renuka Raju, City BJP President T.S. Srivatsa, State General Secretary and former MLC Siddaraju, leaders H.V. Giridhar, Vaneesh Kumar and others were present.

Lakshmipuram Police launch 'Operation Mufti' to curb illegal activities during nights

Mysuru, Aug. 29 (MK,RK& KS)- In a bid to curb illegal activities, especially extortions by transgenders from late night bus commuters, Lakshmipuram Police, on instructions from Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) Dr. A.N. Prakash Gowda and Krishnaraja (KR) Sub-Division Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) Poornachandra Thejaswi, Lakshmipuram Police have launched 'Operation Mufti' at various places in city.

'Operation Mufti' would be conducted from 9 pm to 12 am at various places including Oval Grounds, Metropole Hotel Circle, Kautilya Circle, surroundings of DC Office, Devaraj Urs Road-JLB Road Junction and near Crawford Hall.

Inspector R. Venkatesh, speaking to *Star of Mysore*, said that, during 'Operation Mufti,' Police personnel in plain clothes would stop vehicles and people moving unnecessarily during late hours and enquire them besides asking them not to move around alone and issue warning if they (public) are found moving unnecessarily.

He further said that following oral complaints about illegal activities and menace of anti-social elements, especially during nights, 'Operation Mufti' is being conducted since two days and added that more than 10 Police personnel have been deployed for conducting the operation to curb illegal activities.

Continuing, he said that the Police personnel would stop vehicles moving unnecessarily during nights and check the documents of the vehicle and the person behind the wheels of the vehicle. If they are found suspicious, they would be brought to the Police Station for further enquiry, he added.

It is learnt that the menace of transgenders was more as they target lonely persons, especially bus commuters, who arrive late night and extort money and valuables from them.

It is also learnt that many defunct streetlights at various places, which has plunged many places into darkness, was adding more problems to the existing problems.

National Webinar on 'Finger Prints'

'Use of latest technology is best way to detect crime'

Dr. G.B. Aravind

Mysuru, Aug. 29 (DM)- Maintaining that there is a criminal network working at different levels for finding out bank transactions and passwords of account holders using nano technology for the criminal purpose of committing cash phishing and financial frauds, Dr. G.B. Aravind, Associate Professor in Criminology & Forensic Science, Dept. of Forensic Medicine & Toxicology, JSS Medical College in city, said that the best way of detection of crimes is appropriate use of the latest technology to pick up whatever finger prints or other evidences that the criminals may have left behind at the spot or scene of crime.

He was speaking after inaugurating a National-level Webinar organised on the latest developments regarding finger prints, by the College in association with the Department of Criminology and Forensic Medicine of SBRR Mahajana First Grade College here recently.

Explaining the occurrence of crimes using the finger prints imprinted Bank Debit cards, Dr. Aravind observed that most of cyber crimes have been occurring because of the insecure nature of finger prints.

Stressing on the need for the present day youth to have a full understanding of finger prints, he shed light on investigations using medical techniques, importance of education and the re-construction of finger prints.

More than 160 teaching faculty from different colleges and subject enthusiasts from across the country took part and a e-certificate of participation was distributed to all of them.

SBRR Mahajana College Acting Principal Dr. P.G. Pushparani, Department of Criminology and Forensic Sciences Head K. Raghavendra, Technical Division Convenor Thejas, Sheshadripuram College Faculty Thejas, Systems Administrator Manjunath, Mahesh, Priyanka and others were present.

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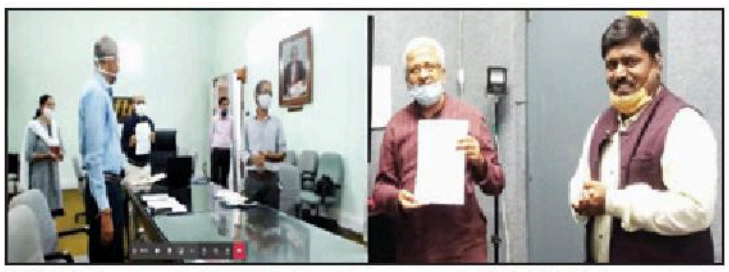
Sayyaji Rao Road footpath posing danger to pedestrians

The footpath near Mohan Bhandar on the busy Sayyaji Rao Road is caving in posing danger to hundreds of pedestrians who use the footpath daily. Authorities concerned are urged to take steps to get it repaired at the earliest for the safety of the public.

Plea to asphalt KRS Road near Royal Inn-Ring Road junction

The KRS Main Road near Royal Inn-Ring Road junction is not asphalted since about two years causing a lot of problems to the residents. Also, this is the road that connects the Ring Road and is used by many including the residents of about 70 flats nearby. Residents alleged that though they have been requesting the local elected representatives and also officials concerned to asphalt the road from two years it had fallen on deaf ears. Garbage is also being dumped on the road which is emanating foul smell and also attracting pigs. Residents have urged the authorities concerned to consider their pleas and provide a good motorable road to them.

CFTRI-GRAAM to establish rural women entrepreneurship in Mysuru district



CFTRI Director Dr. K.S.M.S. Raghavarao and GRAAM Chairman Dr. R. Balasubrahmaniam sign the MoU during a virtual event in the presence of GRAAM's Executive Director Dr. Basavaraju R. Shreshta and CFTRI's senior scientists P. Manilal and Dr. R. S. Matche.

Mysuru, Aug. 29- CSIR-CFTRI (Central Food Technological Research Institute) and GRAAM (Grassroots Research and Advocacy Movement), Mysuru, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Aug.20 to provide a mutual technical - social collaboration for establishing rural livelihood initiatives in India.

The memorandum was signed on behalf of GRAAM by Dr. R. Balasubramaniam, Chairman, GRAAM and Dr. K.S.M.S. Raghavarao, Director, CFTRI.

Dr. Basavaraju R. Shreshta, Executive Director of GRAAM, Dr. R. S. Matche, Head TTBD, P. Manilal, Head, PMC and Raghavendra, TTBD Department were present at the signing event that was held on a virtual platform.

The memorandum serves to provide a framework for understanding and co-operation between both the institutions in implementing rural livelihood projects. As part of the MoU, CFTRI will extend technical support for planning production unit, technical training to women entrepreneurs, quality assurance, etc.

GRAAM, having rich expertise in developing livelihood model for rural communities based on rural wealth creation principles, will handhold the women entrepreneurs with necessary capacity building, training, mobilising and motivating them to be find a sustainable livelihood.

GRAAM also intends to develop a brand for products produced by women entrepreneurs. The project aims at developing a resurgent economy in rural India by adding value to local agricultural produces. The programme is expected to benefit entrepreneurs as well as farmers in rural areas.

As the first initiative under the framework of this MoU, GRAAM is implementing a social business project in a selected village of Mysuru district. The goal of the project is to support rural women entrepreneurs to develop a sustainable livelihood. GRAAM will establish a millet-based value-added product manufacturing unit and will handhold the women entrepreneurs to streamline the business functions in a sustainable manner. The project is being supported by WuerthElektroniks, a 75-year-old multinational company which is a world market leader in the sale of assembly and fastening materials.

Dr. R.S. Matche assured necessary support from CFTRI with required technology to develop a state-of-the-art processing unit and nutritious millet-based food products.

Dr. Basavaraju of GRAAM, highlighted the importance of partnership between a development organisation like GRAAM and a technical institution like CFTRI to impact the rural women and rural economy.

Dr. R. Balasubramaniam said the project will add value to rural women entrepreneurs, consumers, CFTRI, GRAAM, and others who involve in the project.

Dr. Raghavarao said this initiative will improve rural livelihood and assured support to GRAAM.

Virtual colloquium on 'Health Sciences Education' held

Mysuru, Aug. 29- COVID-19 pandemic has thrown up unseen challenges on the Health Sciences based Higher Education programmes. The challenges came up both in the form of curriculum practice, teaching-learning, and evaluation. The health science-based education such as Medicine/ Dentistry/ Pharmacy/Allied Health Sciences has always been a high comprehension programme with practical and clinical experiential training.

During the pandemic, the teaching-learning could be supported through online teaching for the delivery of the theory component of the curriculum. The delivery of practicals and clinical training through other modes came up as an effort for which not many institutions were equipped.

In this context, a two-day virtual colloquium was held on "Health Sciences Education: Differentiating Factors during the Pandemic Crisis" on Aug.7 and 8 by the Centre for Continuous Learning for Professional Excellence (CCLPE) of JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research (JSS AHER), Mysuru.

The programme was inaugurated by Dr. C.G. Betsurmath, Executive Secretary, JSS Mahavidyapeetha. Dr. Surinder Singh, Vice-Chancellor, JSS AHER, delivered the opening remarks.

Dr. P.A. Kushalappa, Director (Academics), JSS AHER, briefed on academicians and administrators from India and abroad who were participating as Resource Faculty/ Panellists for the virtual colloquium. They were Dr. S. Sridharan, Dy. Director General (Planning), Ministry of Health, Sri Lanka, Dr. Shakti Kumar Gupta, Medical Superintendent, Dr. R.P. Centre for Ophthalmic Sciences, AIIMS, New Delhi, Prof. Bhabhatosh Biswas, Chairman, Board of Governors, NIPER, Kolkata, Dr. Avinash Supe, Ex. Director (ME & MH), & Former Dean, KEM and Sion Hospital, Mumbai, Dr. Deelip Mhaisekar, Vice-Chancellor, MUHS, Nashik, Dr. Sanjay Bedi, Adesh University, Nashik, Dr. Nachiket Shankar, Professor and Faculty of Medical Education, St. Johns Medical College, Bengaluru, Dr. Sitanshu S. Kar, Associate Dean (Research), JIPMER, Puducherry, Dr. Vivek Saoji, Vice-Chancellor, KAHER, Belgavi, Dr. B. Suresh, Pro-Chancellor, JSS AHER and President, Pharmacy Council of India, Dr. H. Basavanagowdappa, Dean & Principal, JSS Medical College and Dr. N. Sarala, Director (Academics), SDUAHER, Kolar.

Keynote address was delivered by Dr. Anthony K. Wutoh, Provost and Chief Academic Officer, Howard University, USA. A total of 584 participants registered for the virtual colloquium that focused on Challenges for Health Sciences institutions during the pandemic crisis, Pedagogy in health sciences education and its relevance to today's scenario, Skill and simulation tools in health sciences education, Technological tools in health sciences education, Online assessment and evaluation etc.

Panel Discussions and Sessions provided valuable inputs. The distinguished speakers deliberated on their experiences and thoughts which will help the health sciences institutions to adopt a robust and flexible education system to deliver during crises.

The virtual colloquium was organised by Dr. Prashant Vishwanath, Convener of CCLPE and the Medical & Dental Education Units of JSS Medical College and JSS Dental College.

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